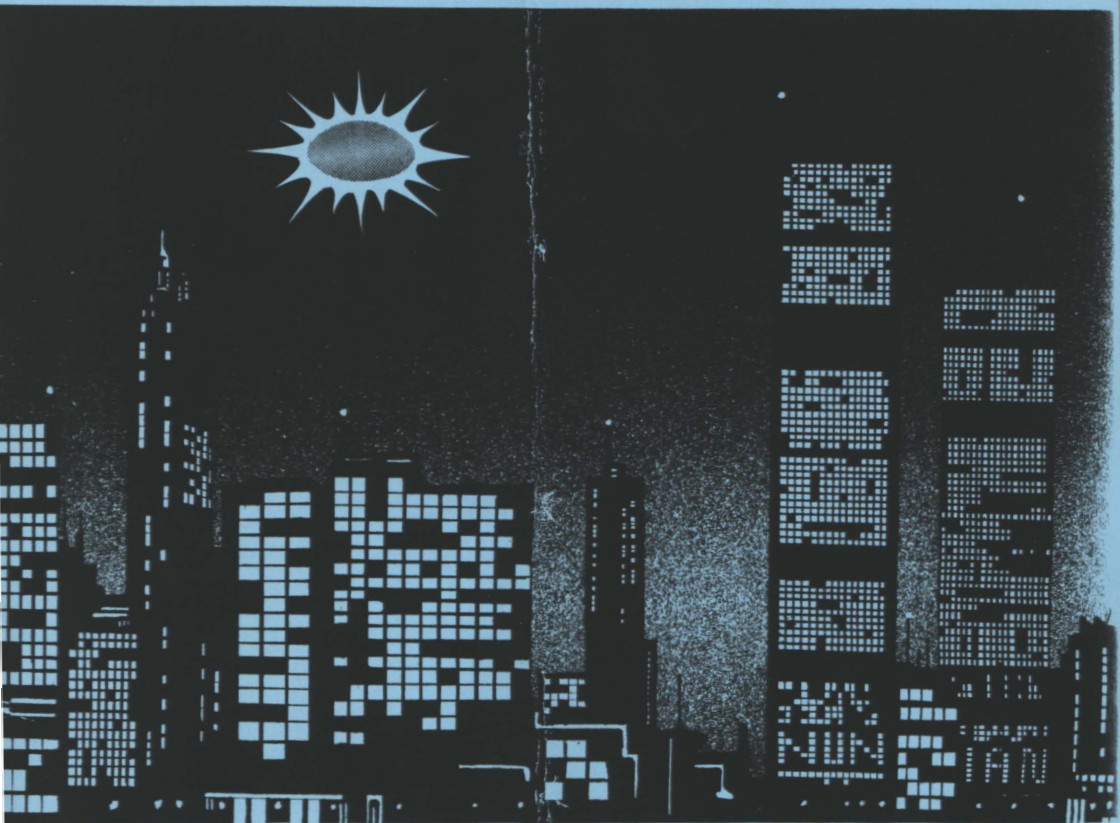


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" A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS. "

May 1984 be the year of the UFO

1984 AND ALL THAT!.... A very happy and successful new year to all our readers. And I am sorry I have to start with an apology. There was no Winter Report. This was due to a combination of factors, some pleasant (a month's working holiday in the USA), some not so pleasant (returning with a bit of an illness). Still not to let anyone miss out, this issue size has been increased to compensate, and all those who would have got the report receive this too, whether or not they subscribe again for 1984. And on that note take a look at the back page.....

J. R. Comments... Recently there has been a minor furore in British ufology over what one might call "Hard Sell" Ufology. At least two respected and senior ufologists have left the fold, partly because of this. In case you missed it, and you probably did, just what is all the fuss about?

In early October the NEWS OF THE WORLD carried a front-page banner headline which reverberated around the world. It told of the Rendlesham Forest affair in a major expose, and followed up with several other articles on the question of UFO secrecy.

I think most ufologists feel that this was a positive step. It put the subject in the fore of public attention once again. It showed that interesting cases are still around. And it highlighted the thorny question of official secrecy. Whilst the newspaper grabbed most of the praise for themselves, ufologists were well aware that they could not have had a story without the intensive efforts, most principally of Brenda Butler and Dot Street, but to some extent of MUFORA in the north, and CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) in the USA. However, they will not in the main be aware of the agonies of decision and indecision, the all night phone sessions, the £800 quarterly phone bills, the enormous expense accounts, and the incredible three year struggle to get to the truth of this case.

Looked at in that context perhaps you can feel for those involved (especially Brenda and Dot - upon whom by far the heaviest burdens have fallen) when it was learnt shortly after the BUFORA congress, in late August, that the media knew all about the case. Let's face it, this was not exactly difficult. It has been in PSR, the Unexplained, this newsletter, and was babbled about incessantly at the congress when journalists mingled freely amongst the crowds.

Of course, it was never the intention of the investigation team to break the story in the press before it was ready. Indeed it is so complex and full of major contradictions (much of which was not brought out by the newspapers) that the two girls had already begun work on a book. This will in fact appear later in 1984, and will hopefully provide a fair reflection on this exciting, if damned irritating, case. But what were we (and I say we, as I do not hide my involvement in the investigation) to do when faced with the premature and probable botched-up publication of the case by the British media?

The answer was an extraordinary one. We opted for "Hard Sell" ufology.

You should first of all appreciate that UFOs are something integral to human consciousness in the eighties. That being so they are fair game for use to make money. Serious UFO books on the whole do not do this (although more sensational ones have some success). But one need only think of CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND and ET (which whilst not strictly a UFO film has been such a hit, largely because UFOs have culturally trained society to yearn for extraterrestrials). The director of these films, Steven Spielberg, made millions out of them. And he relied a very great deal (especially in the first film) on the product of our labours. So real was the film that Allen Rynak's publishers were able to legally consider it a film of his book (THE UFO EXPERIENCE). A decision that I know had serious consequences, which for Allen's sake I will not discuss. Without ufology the film could not have happened. Without ufology the film would not have made millions. But what did ufology get out of it, apart from a few old cases? Financially almost nothing, is the sad truth.

The reason is simple. We lack a commercial attitude to our subject. We fail to

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see and to use the power in our hands. This is because we care about truth, not about big bucks. Because, in ufology, we regard ourselves as amateurs and not as professionals. I am not suggesting we wholly abandon that approach, but there is room for a bit of a move in the other direction.

In the past we have let the media rip us off. There is no other term for it. Not only do we let them misrepresent us, but they take all the commercial benefit. That it is commercial can be proven by recalling all the advertising you have seen that features UFOs. "The Planet Zussisi", groceries from "Out'a Mace" and the ill-fated launch of Central TV, remind us that those who use promotion as a way to make money see UFOs as useful tool in their repertoire.

And so this lesson was learnt. The team did not give the story away. We worked very, very hard at negotiating its controlled release. Controlled, in the sense that the story had to be presented correctly after full investigation. Controlled, in the sense that some recompense (not profit I stress) was paid the investigators. These were, of course, special circumstances and a special case. But the principle might bear contemplation.

We are in a situation where the obtaining of government backing, or science research funds, are a million miles away. If we are to do serious work we need money. Maybe we have overlooked that fact, as well as one source where money seems to proliferate.

Let me add I am not expressly recommending this course of action. If we all went out now to try to get what we could from the media it is likely they would quickly lose all interest in ufology. It has to be done cautiously and in moderation, if it is done at all.

Naturally, it is difficult to overcome our inherent desire against commercial attitudes such as this. And there are some I know who strongly feel this would be a mistaken direction to take. Let us open up a debate. Send in your views.

NEWS ROUND-UP

:: Organisational changes head the news this issue. Our sister organisation UFO RESEARCH MIDLANDS have a new sightings coordinator (who is also BUFORA RIC) He is:- Clive Potter 5a Empire Rd Leicester LE3 5HE

Graham Hall, former coordinator, has relinquished some duties but remains with the group. UFORM have also absorbed the long standing Leicester group UAPROL along with its chief investigator John Bardens. This means they now operate the famous "Mobile Investigation Unit" and become one of the best equipped on-site teams in the UK. If you ever need to borrow something you know who to see...!!

Meanwhile, MUFORA have gone through some changes, although the group is still in existence much as before. Peter Warrington, its chairman for over a decade (surely one of the longest serving people in the same job?) has decided for personal reasons to resign. He and his wife Rosalind remain MUFORA members but not in the forefront, concentrating more on personal research. However, they will not be lost to ufology and I am hoping they will be persuaded to take a more active role in the production of this magazine. The new coordinator of MUFORA is long standing member and experienced investigator, Peter Hugh. Contact:- 6 Silsden Avenue Lowton Nr Warrington Lanes WA3 1EW (T: Leigh 604265)

:: Over in Yorkshire the West Yorkshire UFO Society have also been expanding. The Leeds UFO Group have joined forces with the larger body and a bi-monthly internal newsletter is issued. If you are interested in seeing it write to:- Nigel Mortimer 33 Green Lane Addingham Nr Ilkley West Yorks LS29 0JH

:: Arcturus Books (263 N Ballston Ave Scotia NY 12302 USA) have a new UFO catalogue out. Amongst the new items is the updated 1983 MUFON investigators handbook. At £6, plus post, its 161pp, edited by veteran Ray Fowler, or excellent



We should endeavour to extract information from these displays as this could be the very reason we are receiving them.

UFOs display the remarkable ability to appear and disappear like switching on and off a TV picture. It is possible that some method is being demonstrated for traversing cosmic distances in diminishingly small flight times, an idea slowly capturing the attention of theoretical physicists. On occasions, UFOs have been seen to "condense out" after first appearing as a swarm of flying dots. Maybe this suggests the flying saucer is the equivalent of flying pieces of information that can be regulated into any shape desired. Think about that, whilst holding on hard to your mind!

Whatever its origin the UFO phenomenon seems resident with our species. For when it fades in the west it rises in the east. Does this suggest we are subject to a control system which has interacted with humanity for many centuries and which changes physical appearance according to the times? If so, what is the purpose? It is almost as if we are constantly being invited to understand its behaviour. And herein lies an important clue. It is a kind of teaching method.

If this idea is correct we are bound to ask, what is the UFO stimulus trying to teach me? Since the UFOs seem capable of controlling physical parameters way beyond what we can, perhaps it is showing us what we can achieve if we try a little harder. In effect, what we are receiving are displays of "skilled reality usage". These parameters are universal and available to any species who become intelligent enough to use them.

I believe we are being encouraged towards inspired connections and associations, necessary for illumination and discovery. And this is being done to all nations with equal opportunity, since UFOs are a global phenomenon. The political consequences of this ought to be obvious. Like any good teacher it will not tell us things, but provide us with the opportunity to learn them for ourselves.

The evolution of intelligent species is a function of time and some random variables, but intelligence, in the broad sense, is such an important factor in natural selection that all intelligent species might need to possess emotion, in order to react and respond to stimuli in the environment. After comprehending the universe they would thus become fascinated and inspired and so we could expect an emotional component in any alien presentation. Something designed to appeal to the emotions of the recipients.

In its present form the UFO stimulus seems to be an intimidatory tool designed to inspire and guide human thought. What the ultimate purpose is cannot accurately be judged from our present distance, but I provisionally suspect it might be connected with these postulates:

- 1: Use what is available to the best possible effect and you will prosper and survive.
- 2: With all galactic species abiding by essentially the same philosophy galactic stability could be achieved.

We seem to find ourselves at the first stage and are being asked to prove, by way of a 'means test', that we are intelligent, mature and responsible enough to progress. It might be worth noting that the world's academics do not seem to have been subject to any special UFO attention. This seems to contravene the rules of the game! Consider the knowledge available to a Type 3 civilisation. If we could achieve such a status we would go through a quantum leap in progress.

As I said earlier, discussions of the nature of advanced galactic civilisations were inevitably going to sound like science fiction. This is quite true, but I take great assurance from the words of JBS Haldane, a noted scientific visionary and an example of what this paper is all about. Haldane once remarked that:-

Not only is the universe stranger than we had imagined, but it will probably prove to be stranger than we CAN imagine.

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THE ENIGMA OF UFOLOGY

By **Andrew J Cummings**

Whatever UFOs are, their effect upon society has been profound. Such interest has been sparked off that would-be and inexperienced film directors have produced an endless and amazing variety of UFO inspired movies.

Indeed, interest in UFOs has been so great that massive hordes of mentally deficient people (seeing an outlet in this new subculture for their own perversions of mind and subversive traits of character) have banded together to form loose UFO societies, with names like "The Venusian Church of Zoltee". As you are all aware, when the red button is pressed which officially starts WW III we'll all escape the ensuing nuclear holocaust by being whisked off into space in the arms of lovable ETs and Cabbage Patch Dolls.

Like any strange phenomenon, the UFO enigma has attracted a predictable cross-sectional culture which one can define:-

The loons, and wide-eyed crazies, who get the most press coverage, and so defile the good name of "Hero Ufology" ("Hero Ufology" will be defined in an article by Andrew to be published next issue - Ed)

The self-confessed experts of ufology - who usually populate public houses, and over a few beers will expound upon their own pet theories about the meaning of life, which bear no relation whatsoever with the subject at hand.

The intrepid adventurer with delusions of grandeur - who, equipped with his/her copy of FSR and "The Hynek UFO Report" will endeavour to unlock the innermost secrets of the universe, those which have so far eluded all the efforts of science, And, finally, the shy recluse - who swears his/her allegiance to "Hero Ufology" by gratefully keeping out of its way. And by reading "Hero" literature behind closed doors, away from prying eyes and unforgiving stares by insensitive peers.

The interest in UFOs is shared by everyone, of course, to varying degrees. A passing craze, or a fleeting foible, an incurable obsession, or a temporary release from reality (cosmic dungeons and dragons). In this we are all cast.

UFO interest is cross-cultural and spans all the classes of society, from the aristocracy down to the poor, unfortunate masses of our world. It represents our own twentieth century version of the Greek myths and legends or the fairy tales of yore. A space-age version, in fact, of all the older religions which have refused to die, now set in a modern, scientific context.

Let me give you a few examples of the comparison between religion and ufology.

Like religion, what we have created out of the UFO enigma is an enduring set of preconceptions based upon our own (and others) perception (s) of the nature of truth - ie the answer to the UFO mystery. This is in the form of notions, hypotheses and theories - eg "The parapsychological model", the ETH, UAPs etc.

As with Zeus, or God, we have our own figures in ufology who have attained superstar status or notoriety. Like 'Gods' these people have influenced thought and preconceptions regarding UFOs, and the direction ufology is headed. Examples of such Archdruids of ufology (whom we would like to emulate) are George Adamski, Betty Hill, Kenneth Arnold, Allen Hynek. Society reacts to these figures both individually and collectively. They personify what we regard the subject as being.

Through the intercourse of their ideas man has given birth to numerous offspring - called UFO clubs, which idolise these superstars as parent figures.

Why do we have such a fixation? Why the urge to form groups to study UFOs? Because something elusive within ufology can only be interpreted by us inside, translated from personal experience. The magic lies in the mystery.

The clubs are ufology's version of sects and cults. We have our visionaries (from doom merchants who preach about Armageddon, to reincarnated spacemen trapped on earth and also the contactees, so often neglected by ufology and peers alike) We have heretics (like Dr Edward J Condon). We have sacred books and scrolls (eg Blue Book or the Mormon Bible, whichever takes your fancy). And, like any religion, we have theologians who (as Jasper Carrot might remark) are "pseudo-intellectuals". They take twelve books and two hundred articles to state, unequivocally, that UFOs may exist. They blind us with technical terms, philosophy and psychology that Pisgah would find hard to understand and literary styles that must make Shakespeare dreadfully envious.

You may thus ask what chance a layman has to grasp the fundamentals of such a complex subject as ufology in such an academic climate. None. I'm afraid! Ufology has fallen into a rut of its own making. We are to blame.

Do UFOs exist? How often have you heard that question? And how many times have you encountered the same old boring repertoire of answers? Countless times. And what constructive thing has ufology achieved in all the time that it has been around? Nothing, except to add more confusion to an already confused subject. And what possible thing can ufology ever hope to achieve, except to be able to claim it has always said UFOs exist when they finally decide to drop in for tea at the White House?

In my eyes ufology is at a dead end. But then, has it ever left square one? Because we have nothing concrete or tangible to work on. We have no flying saucers to examine. No little green men to interrogate. No strange artifacts from an alien culture to pull apart. At best all the evidence we have, accepted by staunch believers as absolute proof of the existence of UFOs, is highly controversial and equally dubious.

And how does one remain objective in our field? Especially when confronted by someone claiming to be the proud owner of a chain of food stores on Pluto, or a photograph of a hub-sap which the photographer swears blind is a UFO? Or remain in full control of ones judgement when faced with the hundreds of UFO reports which beyond doubt are misidentifications? We do have a bit of a problem, don't we.

No - personally I do not believe UFOs exist. But then I do believe in UFOs. I also realise I seem to have just contradicted myself. Which brings me right to the crux of this article - BELIEF.

Belief, is the basic ingredient of that vast cake called ufology. The sweet thing that makes it so attractive to so many. You can gorge yourself on it without having to worry that the icing will crack thanks to those mad bakers, logic and reason.

This is why ufology is so exciting. There are no clear cut answers. Your particular belief can walk hand in hand with anybody else's. Everyone is dealt the same hand. We are all equal. No explanation exists which can either prove or disprove the existence of UFOs. The odds are the same for us and the scientists. The magic of the mystery.

To some it is pure escapism. The romanticism is what captures our attention. And in our happy mentality the stars are transformed from boring points of light in the nighttime sky into something much, much more exciting. How absurd we humans are.

But, even so, let us hope that nobody takes the mystery from our little romance. Because I am afraid we very much need it. It protects us from the harsh light of stark, uncompromising reality - like a darkroom. Let us pray that nobody succeeds in reducing UFOs to some mathematical equation in a standard college textbook. Let us hope that science continues to get indigestion at the thought of our lovely little cake. We would not want our childish delusions to be flushed unceremoniously down the great scientific toilet in the sky.

For the moment we should enjoy our slice of the unknown.

LONG LIVE THE CAKE.

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THE PAST THIRTY YEARS OF UFOs OVER WEST YORKSHIRE (2)

The historical research study by Nigel Moftimer is continued.

Light Source: UFOs (A)

(1) A 21 yr old Pudsey panel-beater and his girlfriend were driving towards Stanningley, Bradford. At the Kirkstall traffic lights they saw a low-bright light like a very big star. It hovered, dimmed, then became brighter again. They saw it again later during a drive through Bradford, hovering above some city centre roof tops. It was moving up and down, but in one place, and was silent. Then it turned brilliant red and moved out of sight very fast. DATED 2 FEB 1969

(ii) Mr Joseph Larven, of Clayton,Bradford,saw a terrific pale green light from his home around 12,10 am.Within the light was a green circular object which after twenty minutes gradually faded into a haze.It was a very clear night. 8 JUN 1970

(iii) Six glowing white globes were seen in the sky near Mr T Molen's home in Shipley. His neighbour also saw them at 11pm. One moved fairly slow across the sky and then suddenly whizzed by very fast. All of the objects came from the direction of Baildon Moor and went over Bradford city centre. The neighbour's girl was very frightened by what she saw. Dated 6 AUG 1977

(iv) Mrs HM Swain and her husband at Clayton saw a strange light at 7.45pm which crossed over Bradford from the north. It stopped over the city and seemed to give off a very bright white light that lit up roof tops. It was in the same position for about 45 seconds, until it moved off east. Dated 17 SEP 1977

(v) Andrew Hurst and John Robertson of Horton saw a very white object twice the size of a star, at 9.20pm. It was moving fast in straight line but had no flashing lights, then it dropped out of the sky at an angle of 45 degrees over a golf course and seemed to land behind some trees. As it did so all the trees lit up. 24 AUG 78

(vi) Bradford Boy, Dominic Roystone, was on the garden path with his dog when he noticed a big oval light, larger than any star. It moved away instantly. 14 NOV 1979

METALLIC-LOOKING UFOs (B)

(1) A UFO was seen by two Skipton policemen above Bradley. PC Kirkbright and PC Trueman were on motor patrol at 4.30 am when they saw an object, 60 ft long and glowing intensely. It was accompanied by a low whirring sound and was made out of some kind of metallic substance. It glided away in the direction of Colne, Lancashire. Dated 6 JUL 1977

(ii) Wayne Robinson of Keighley saw an object in the sky just before mid-day. It was white and had metal funnels on top. It travelled very slowly in silence. It headed off south. His drawing looks like a ship with funnels! 4 AUG 1977

(iii) Dorothy Townsend of Shipley woke early one cold, dark morning and out of her window saw a round, metallic object that bore twinkling multi-coloured lights around the edges. It hovered over nearby houses and she was fascinated by it. But went to bed after ten minutes leaving it there. Winter 1978

(iv) Lorna Mandall of Bradford was driving near Crossflats between 4 and 5pm when her two children saw flashing red lights in the sky. They soon made out a circular object, coming lower, which seemed to be made of metal. The object had a glowing centre and shimmering edges. It came down slowly and steadily, which seemed odd as it was very windy. It seemed to land in woods between Bingley and Elswick and as it touched down the light in the middle faded and disappeared. 2 MAR 1980

(v) A nail-slayer from Bradford saw a large metallic object over Keighley. It was 30 ft long, pulsed and was very bright, as if a light was reflecting off it. It was about 1000 ft above the library. Parts of it looked black which, he thinks, may have been portholes rotating around the object. It was 5am. Dated 2 JAN 1980.

NB All of these cases were previously undiscovered, showing the value of looking into newspaper archives in a nearby location that has not been well covered by investigators. To be continued next issue....

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MEDIA MATTERS:-

A look at UFOs in the public eye

Once again UFOs have been very much in the news. As recently as January 4 1984 the BBC TV news carried a serious item about the GEPAN investigation into a French landing, where changes to the soil and vegetation prove to the satisfaction of the government backed team that a real UFO was involved! The case is well known in UFO circles and has already been mentioned in FSR. Once more the media are a bit behind the times - but in this instance who cares. This kind of publicity we do need.

Of course the media can over-react. When Paul Devereux and Paul McCartney wrote up their EARTHLIGHTS theory for New Scientist, in September, the Daily Star carried

the headline "Boffins crack the UFO riddle", which in view of the controversy the hypothesis has generated is pushing it a bit! On the matter of which the Stuart Campbell vs Paul Devereux "earthlights" debate (which began in the UFO literature when the book first appeared) spilled over to the erudite science magazine too. But Paul was supported (NewsScientist, 29 Sept 1983) by Lord Tanlaw no less - who referred to several earthquake and UFO correlations from Britain and China!

Meanwhile The Observer (25 Sept) chalked up another highbrow paper article on UFOs, with its "Silver Suits, Flying Saucers and ET" to tie in with the BUFORA 21st birthday celebration lectures. It was a good piece, saying, "if an extraterrestrial had turned up (at the conference) the ufologists would, on the whole, have been more surprised than the crowds of Saturday shoppers." A number of interviewees were quoted, and some hard data included too. All in all it was one of the best little articles on ufology for many a year. Look it up if you didn't see it.

Another anniversary, the 50th of the first sighting of Nessie, produced a spate of articles and I was amazed to find two (including a fullpage epic in the Northampton Chronicle, 11 Nov) quoting me. I have apparently come up with some daft theory or other about the monster being an hallucination caused by earthlights. This seems to have come from a News of the World article in 1982 where I was supposed to have first suggested this. It has led to some nasty words about me from monster hunter Frank Searle. But, for the record, I was totally and quite horribly misquoted and I believe no such thing about the monster. But I guess the authoritative News of the World will continue to be a source for hack writers for years to come, so my 'theory' is likely to get around!

There were two really big UFO stories in the past three months. One, of course, was the News of the World revelations about the Rendlesham Forest case. Articles on this appeared in dozens of other sources and when it led to questions in the house the Daily Telegraph (25 Oct) did a good job of reporting the waffle that armed forces minister, John Stanley, came up with in not answering Sir Patrick Wall's direct questions about the case. But he did admit to 1400 MOD ufo reports since 1980... which seems to make our moans about "where have all the UFOs gone?" a little ridiculous. They appear to have gone to the MOD. Who have done what with em!

The other event was the Sunday Mirror's front page fightback to the News of the World (the Sunday Mirror group were very, very, very annoyed at losing the Rendlesham story I can tell you!), "Shirley and the amazing UFO riddle" (16 Oct) What was most amazing to me was the way they could get away with this lie, along with text that said "SDP president Shirley Williams and radio personality David Jacobs had a close encounter with a UFO". That was wrong in every respect! Shirley Williams admitted to the Mirror she saw nothing! It most definitely was not a UFO!! And since it never came within miles of them, and was just a light, I fail to see how even the Sunday Mirror can justify it being a close encounter!!

Much was made of the BBC switchboard being jammed with calls about the white light that shot across the sky very fast. And a whole lot of UFO twaddle paraded about too. A Warrington Guardian journalist (24 Oct) reported he and his wife saw it and "presumed it was a meteorite"... as I imagine did all those thousands of others who saw it, and did not jam the BBC switchboard (as nobody would had DJ, DJ not made a feast out of it). It was, of course, a bright fireball meteor, as any experienced investigator would have immediately told the BBC, or Sunday Mirror. But, as usual, they did not bother to ask - because they wanted a UFO, not an explanation.

But let us close on a happy note. The Gloucester Citizen (6 Dec) report on the latest venture of composers Chris Gunning and Tim Price. Tired of scoring TV commercials the latest threat to Andrew Lloyd Webbers monopoly comes from this dynamic duo. They are about to premier (at St James Church) their new childrens opera.... RAINBOW PLANET. To "emphasise the mysterious vastness and beauty of space" the work's leading "star" (oops) (the Mirror Computer no less) appears with a backing group of singing UFOs. Roll on the West End....

SPOT THE UFO.... Test your powers of investigation

And if you don't get this one you're a dummy!



SM is now 21 and a qualifying engineer who lives in Staffordshire. In mid 1981 he had a serious motorcycle accident and spent months recovering. In the midst of this recovery, during late August, he had gone out for a "hobble" near his home. On return he met an old friend and they started to chat about old times. About 2am a brilliant light above them caught their attention. It was orange and moved NNE in a straight line at a speed that was "like a pigeon flying at 150 ft". They saw it for 5 seconds at least (but it came from behind them and so could have been visible for longer). No sound or tail. Its size was about a quarter that of the full moon. One witness thought he knew what it was but after discussion they decided it was probably not this, but he had been right... What did he say?

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BRIEF CASES:-

Some current investigations



More on that 1948 radar/visual....

Ian Mrzyglod of PROBE has passed on the file (what there is of it) regarding their aborted investigation into this case (summarised in the Sept/Oct 1983 iss). A few new details are available in an RI form, sketches, and a further letter from TJ. He gives his age as 54, occupation as charge nurse, and claims a BSc degree in astronomy.

The date of the incident is narrowed down to late May/early June and the time 11.40 am on a warm day with scattered cloud (although they were flying above the cloud). Total duration of the sighting is given as 7/8 minutes and TJ sketches the object as it appeared visually (A) through his binoculars (B) and to the two pilots of the meteor jets who it is claimed flew towards it on an intercept (C). Size is given as midway between a pea and half penny at arms length and the brightness of the silvery metallic disc as around -8 (ie midway between the moon and venus he says). No radio or equipment malfunction was involved, although they do not seem to have got too close to it.

TJ gave specific details about the others involved. THE USAF general was named. One of the RAF flight lieutenants was named. He promised to try to chase up the others to see if the secrecy then imposed was now removed. However, despite TJ's promises to get back to PROBE and three subsequent letters (taking us up to a year later), no further contact ensued from the witness.

PROBE aborted the investigation, and what this does to the credibility of the case must be left up to you to judge. However, if any researcher wishes to pursue this (via the officers TJ named - especially the USAF General - for whom records might be obtainable via Freedom of Information) then they should request the full details on the case from myself....JR.

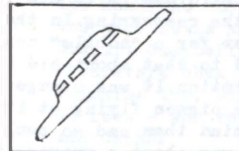
UFOs WORLDWIDE... Publication of "The Pennine UFO Mystery", and its sale at Heathrow airport in 1983, generated a number of overseas UFO reports. Obviously these cannot be pursued by NUFON, but the details are given here for their interest.

AUSTRALIA UFO OVER ATOMIC TEST SITE

(This case has been followed up to some extent - witness in the UK)

DM is now a prison officer, but in Oct/Nov 1957 was an RAF corporal stationed at a very remote place called Maralinga in the Mulaba Plain of South Australia. Four atomic tests had been carried out there, and DM was one of the team involved.

DM was in the canteen playing cards with some colleagues when another man came in insisting a UFO was outside. After first laughing they saw his sincerity and went out with him. They were then all speechless for a few minutes as they



saw a "magnificent sight" hovering over the airfield at 130 degrees to the horizontal. DM says it was "like a king sitting on his high throne looking down on his subjects". It was silver/blue, metallic (indeed he says they could see it so clearly it looked to be plated). On its edge were a line of windows or portholes. Several others came out to see it as it silently hovered, including the duty air traffic control officer, who said he had no idea what it was. He then dashed off to check with other airfields, Alice Springs and Ebinborough in Adelaide being the only possibilities. Neither had anything over their area. After about fifteen minutes the object left, swiftly and silently as dusk began to fall.

As DM puts it... "I swear to you as a practicing Christian this was no dream, no illusion, no fairy story - but a solid craft of metallic construction."

No photographs were taken since, as DM says, the area was top security and all cameras were looked away and had to be signed in and out when used.

From questioning DM I can find no reason to doubt this tale...which is what I like to call an either/or. Either he is lying, or UFOs as alien craft do exist.

A REPEATER WITNESS

SOUTH AFRICA

RM is a responsible businessman with a major mining corporation. He has told few people about his proneness since childhood to psychic experience and his many UFO encounters which he says are "nuts and bolt" in nature, even though he has no idea where they come from..."spacecraft, interdimensional craft, timecraft or whatever...BUT CRAFT OF SOME SORT THEY CERTAINLY ARE"

He claims sightings of a cigar (London, 1936), night lights (Johannesburg, 1952) and daylight discs (Capetown, 1957 & 1965). In 1970 at Capetown he and his wife allegedly saw a daylight cigar emit four small disc like craft, during the sighting of which he experienced classic reality distortion (OZ Factor) symptoms. Over the next few days discs were seen in the area often by he and other locals. On one occasion he claims to have seen a UFO drop "angel hair" and pick it up, only to find it disintegrate in his hands. On the last occasion a Mach II fighter jet apparently chased off the small discs.

Many other supposed sightings (all multi witness) are cited, bringing us to December 1979 in Nababeep, Namaqualand. Here he was wondering whether the UFOs knew where he was. He claims that since his Oz Factor experience he has always known when UFOs were around and believes he is being 'probed' by them. Frequently he has caught them out when they masquerade as stars in the night sky!

At this time however he went down with a bout of Malaria and was housebound for some days. He saw a row of lights he took to be aircraft landing lights which came towards him and then stopped in front of a mountain a mile away. At the time his son ("a tough, no-nonsense commando") was home on leave and he brought him to see the lights, just as they jinked from side to side and then shot into the sky at a tremendous speed at a 25 degree angle.

Over the next week there were real pyrotechnics, as he puts it, with countless villagers seeing red, green and multicoloured firework UFO displays in the sky. The finale came when he and many others saw a dark-bodied DG3 aircraft fly without lights over the village and then in and out of the darkened canyons. This seemed impossible behaviour and allegedly, police checks found no civil or military aircraft to be responsible. RM thinks it was a disguised UFO.

His only sighting since was a March 1982 encounter with the classic UFO shape (a triangle of yellow/white lights) EM seems unaware that this has been seen by many witnesses (including me - JR). His son and others on his tropp also had an encounter during a mission on the Angola border.

RM also claims many dreams where he is taken to a UFO base on earth and given information about their visits. They seem to know all about him, he adds. He has requested anonymity as he says people in his position at work are not supposed to be that much of a nut".

A FALLING STAR

KOREA

GD is a transport engineer working in Seoul and uninterested in UFOs. But he picked up the book to read on the plane going home because of his 1978 encounter. It was 10.30am, bright daylight, when he and a relative saw a brilliant light in the sky. It moved east west across the sky and then stopped suddenly. It then fell downwards heading for the earth, but again abruptly stopped and continued on its horizontal path. It repeated this amazing maneuver two more times and then shot off at an angle of sixty degrees to the vertical, accelerating out of sight within 15 seconds. As GD puts it, "this was not an aircraft as no aircraft can do what this did." The relative with him has worked for British Aerospace and is very familiar with all kinds of aircraft.

IT WASN'T A PLANE ALTHOUGH IT ACTED LIKE ONE

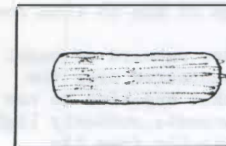
EIRE

22 yr old MG is a garage mechanic. The date was 16 Oct 1982. Venue Coolock, near Dublin. Time 19.07. MG happened to look up and saw what he first took to be a plane, but then realised it had no flashing lights. It was in fact just an oval of very bright white light that moved in a curious semi-circular path on a steady silent flight. It was the size of a 2p piece at arms length and was in view for 3/4 minutes.

UFO ATTENDS A CHILDREN'S PARTY

IRELAND

13 yr old JM and nine other children were at a party on 28 Aug 1983 at Bangor, Co Down. They insist nothing stronger than ice cream was available! The time was



22,10 when a very peculiar object the yellow/orange colour of the sun was seen by one person who opened the curtains. They all went outside and for three minutes observed the sausage shaped object with sharply defined edges as it hovered in one location. It was in the northerly sky and the apparent size of a tennis ball at arms length. The night was warm and the sky was clear, but the sun had of course set a goodwhile before. Eventually the object disappeared by simply fading away into the black night sky.

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THE CASE OF THE FLYING FRIED EGG

Case 8171: AUGUST 20 1981 23.20 Accrington, Lancashire MUFORA

Mr RB and his wife were in bed talking, when their attention was suddenly drawn to an object moving across the window. RB immediately lept up out of bed and ran to the curtains. Here he saw the "sight of my life".

There was a dome on top of a quiet, pale bluish light. It had a sheen effect that was similar to glass. Indeed the image that immediately sprang to his mind was that of a crystal ball. The bodywork beneath this was akin to an upturned dinner plate. It was coloured a deep yellow orange, similar he says to the way the indicator lights on 1940 cars were. On the outer rim of the object there was a very slim vapour trail, or white light. The colours seemed to blend together in a surprisingly nice way. In size it looked to be very large indeed.



The object moved in a straight line towards a hill between Aserington and Oswaldtwistle. As it did so he noticed that it was banked a little, giving the overall impression of a majestic fried egg! It diminished in size as one would expect as it approached the horizon on its smooth flight.

However, this was not the end of the sighting, for it returned in the opposite

direction. It came about a quarter of the distance back towards him and then banked away in the opposite direction, heading out of sight above the viaduct that is a prominent feature of the Acorington skyline. The sighting had lasted several minutes.

The next day RB went to the town centre to meet his brother, but was a little early. So he engaged in conversation with a man, who told him "you should have been here last night". This man had been sitting in the town centre between 23.24 and 23.26, eating fish and chips with his wife, when they had seen a brilliant bluish light moving silently across the sky. RB regards this as confirmation of his own experience, after which he became interested in UFOs.

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OVER TO YOU MS TITCHMARSH...

Case 8311: February 1983 Hamslope, Northants Inv: UFO Research Midlands

When Brenda Butler, Dot Street and myself gained access to the Ministry of Defence UFO "department" and discussed matters with their Ms Pam Titchmarsh in August 1983 (to be fully reported in Brenda and Dot's book on the Rendlesham case) we were advised that the MOD had ~~never~~ received a report on a close encounter in the many thousands they admitted to possessing. They were all lights in the sky!

Which is interesting, for this case concerns an MOD employee, Ms MB, from this small village which seems to be of great interest, ufo-wise. The sighting which brought MB to our attention concerns an orange globe of light seen moving along a hedgerow at treetop height just a couple of hundred yards from the witness. The story got to the local press (a very garbled version) although MB has no idea how, as she felt obliged not to report it!

On interview it seems that Hamslope has generated case after unheard of case! All the B family state that the orange ball has constantly reappeared over the last four years, in more or less the same place. Mr B reports that one time he saw it climb up as a yellowish sphere, hover stationary for some moments, suddenly light up in an orange flare of some prominence, and then streak vertically from its mid-sky position like a rocket! Numerous other villagers, including police officers, report seeing similar things.

MB then went on to record a startling series of events in the same location, in late August 1980. For three consecutive evenings whilst walking her dog, between 18.00 and 18.45, she had a daylight encounter with the same strange object! This was a dull gray cigar, with a small dome on top, which moved very slowly (30-40 MPH) at low altitude but was totally silent. As it passed directly overhead the dome lit up. It so scared Ms B that she picked up her dog (one assumes it was not an Afghan Hound!) and fled home. On third observation (two nights later) she ran back, got in her car, and tried to chase the thing. As she reached the motorway (M1) she stopped to watch it vanish behind Saloe Forest.

Perhaps Paul Devereux would care to comment on the geological topography of this region of south Northants and north Bucks. It otherwise seems unremarkable. Apart from that...over to you Ms Titchmarsh.

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A LOW FLYING WEATHER BALLOON....

Case 8315: October 14 1983 11.25 West Bridgeford, Notts

The lady witness for this case said she had to think long and hard before writing, and it was only the fact that the Sunday Mirror reported David Jacobs sighting 11 hours after hers that persuaded her to send me details (anonymously). However, she includes a full report and numerous sketches that give concise and relevant information.

It was a bright sunny day with a strong wind from the SW. The object was moving with the wind, heading NE. At all times it looked flat, with no 3D effect, and was matt black and very circular. It moved in a straight line, rising into clouds and



flashing white and red at times. In size it was very large (she draws it in comparison with the sun and it is 4 times as big!) She says she felt sure that it was a weather balloon, but found it hard to imagine one flying so low (only a few feet above the rooftops opposite). It seems quite certain that it was a balloon, but the flashing described equates so well with the daylight cases referred to last issue (see page 13, NUM104) that this could be yet another sighting of those pesky fairground balloons!

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AN 'INVISIBLE' LANDING BESIDES DRACULA'S CASTLE Report by Nigel Mortimer

Case 8314: September 28 1983 20.05 Steeton, West Yorks Level A CEL Invstgtn

Three children are involved in this report, Vanessa (aged 9), her brother Russell (12), and her friend Rachel (11). They had been playing with a torch and were about to go home as it was "call in" time. Vanessa was shining the torch at Rachel, who stood a little further up a slope, when Rachel told her to stop and point it at the sky. Looking beyond the beam they saw an enormous object, seemingly on the ground beside a tower on a hillside around a quarter mile away. A debate followed as to whether the torch was causing the light, but it persisted after this was switched off and they realised this was something they had no familiarity with.

The two girls were rather scared and fled home, only a few hundred yards, but were also fascinated to watch for a few more minutes, now they had a good view and were at a safe refuge. They then went inside and tried to persuade Vanessa's mother to come out, but she did not seem interested. However, Russell, her brother, had meanwhile had a brief sight of it. When the three went back out it was gone off the hill, but a small dot was visible in the sky, rapidly vanishing. The mother said that she wanted everyone to forget the story and complained that the incident had severely upset the children. Russell would not go to bed alone for days afterwards. She was positive about the apparent sincerity of her children.

Descriptions of the object vary slightly, but all three agree that it was a very large semi-circle or dome (one description was like that of a "protractor", a familiar instrument to schoolchildren). The glow was emerging from it and was lighting up the surroundings of the hills, between groups of trees that allowed a size estimate of several hundred feet diameter. They also agree that a small "square" was cut out at the base. When first seen the sky was visible through this, implying it was a section cut away from the object. But from their vantage point at the house this was filled with a red glow. They also saw a greenish hazy aura that surrounded the dome. Russell (perhaps imaginatively) says he saw a V shape in the top and a spire emerging from this. The girls did not see this.

Nigel Mortimer's investigation shows that the object was apparently beside a local monument known as Jubilee Tower, which he says looks like Dracula's castle! However, there are no signs of any physical traces and the darkness makes it unclear whether a real landing is involved. No other witnesses exist either, which is curious as the hill is in plain view from a very busy hospital and there would have been many potential observers at the time of night involved.

Nigel checked various options, but was able to rule out aircraft and the moon rising over the hill. However, there is some chance that a helicopter was present and he raises the interesting speculation... "we may have had an initial sighting of something that looked odd at first, but due to some unknown factor the resultant object became exotic... we should look at this in the light of Jenny Randles's OZ Factor".

The point is well made and highlights what I think may be a productive way of developing the OZ Factor research. Peter Warrington and myself have been speculating on just such a concept, in a book we are currently writing.

CASE HISTORIES

THE STAR THAT SHONE ABOVE THE STABLE

Report by Richard Barnes, BSo

Date: August 10 1983 Time: 23.05 pm Location: Nr Gosforth, Cumbria

MS, is a seventeen year old apprentice motor mechanic. He is quiet spoken and shy. His description of events was given in complete sincerity and he proved a great help in aiding reconstruction of the events on site. The investigator is fully satisfied that this is a genuine report of an unknown phenomenon.

MS was returning home from Gosforth, where he had spent the evening with friends, to his own village of Calderbridge. He was riding his motorcycle down a quiet, tree-lined and unlit section of the A595. The night was warm and cloudless and both a quarter moon and countless stars were plainly visible through the fresh country air.

Suddenly a bright "star" was noticed to his right (that is in the ~~ENE~~ heading in his direction. His immediate reaction was that it was a "shooting star" but it was visible for a long time and seemed to be growing closer. So he pulled to a halt at the entrance to a small lane that left the main road and switched off his lights to give a good view. He had no visor on his crash helmet and so his vision was unrestricted.

The brilliant white light was now seen to be descending at an angle of about thirty degrees from the horizontal, towards two cottages and a large iron clad stable, down a short lane on the opposite side of the road from him. When it got to what appeared 250 feet above these the light stopped. It then began a vertical descent, straight down towards the stable. When about 40 feet above it came to a rapid halt. He could plainly see it and the outline of the various buildings silhouetted against the dark night sky. Comparing it with the chimneys on the cottage he was in a position to suggest the apparent diameter of the light and this he estimates was about 1 metre. For some few moments he watched as it hung motionless and quite silent in the sky.

He now noticed that there was a dark shape above the light. In comparison with the other distances he says this was around 50 feet above, but there was no visible structure connecting the shape with the light, although the inference is that they were connected. The dark shape was like a long concave mirror with a flat top that was spread out in a horizontal pattern across the sky over the buildings. He reckons it was around 200 feet long. It was black and featureless except that there were four small, closely spaced green lights inset within the base, near the bottom. These travelled together at a steady speed from his left to right, thus traversing the whole length of the object in about 15 seconds. As they reached the right hand edge they vanished and about 15 seconds later reappeared at the left hand edge to repeat the cycle. This suggested that they were rotating around a circular object, that was seen in the way it was because of its edge-on profile.

The witness was filled with a curious mix of excitement, fascination and fear but was unable to pull himself away from the road. (It is unclear from the report but quite possible that the OZ Factor was involved). After a few minutes of observation MS noticed the white light (still stationary below the main body) was not quite so bright, and indeed as he watched he saw it progressively grow dimmer. Inside a few more minutes the light had disappeared completely although



13 days after the sighting the investigator visited the occupants of the two cottages, but they had seen and heard nothing.



Richard Barnes says that MS is teetotal and is taking no medication and appears to be an excellent observer. It will be seen, if you care to look at a map, that this is a very desolate spot on the west coast of England, and looking away, in the direction the UFO was from where MS sat, there are miles upon miles of nothing, except the rugged Lake District peaks. Prime UFO territory in fact. Certainly it is hard to imagine an aircraft being around in such a place at such a time of night. Richard also adds that just 1 1/2 miles away from the spot is the controversial Sellafield Atomic Energy establishment where nuclear fuel is being reprocessed. The relevance of this is up to you to decide.

Certainly this is one of those cases that shoots you through with a feeling of "there is something to these UFOs after all". This sounds very much like an unknown craft of some kind. And if you still feel a bit skeptical (or scared) of admitting that to yourself, I suggest you read Chapter 8 of THE PENNINE UFO MYSTERY. For the "circle of lights" UFO type there discussed seems to be what was here observed. Especially the case on p 105 seems relevant. I find it hard to imagine that witness after witness is just happening to hallucinate or imagine an apparently well defined and specific UFO type with distinctive attributes we can tabulate. It makes much more sense to suggest something real is flying about!

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A FAMILY AND THE UFOs

MUFORA report by Peter Hough

This case began rather mildly, but quickly built up into something much stranger. On August 13 1983 Mrs PB (aged 33) of Parr, St Helens, Merseyside, called Jenny Randle (c/o Jodrell Bank) to report a sighting made moments before at 21.30. Peter Hough was able to interview the witnesses the next day.

The 1983 sighting is relatively uninteresting. Mrs PB went out the back to call in their fifteen year old son Stephen, who was playing on some waste ground. But as she did so she observed a white ping pong ball in the sky, moving SE to NW above the Bold Power Station, whose cooling towers are prominently visible half a mile behind their house. WUN readers with a good memory will be able to recall several MUFORA and MI GAP issues featuring UFOs seen over the Bold power station in recent years. Stephen saw the 'UFO' too, but was then sent off to get his father, DB, who is 38 and employed by Manpower Services. A minute later he came out but the object had gone.

Immediate checks by the investigator with Liverpool and Manchester Airport revealed the almost certain explanation. A Tristar jet from Palma landed at Manchester at 21.41 and was in an inbound hold pattern over St Helens at 21.30 with a landing light on. This fits the visual description well, although Mrs PB disagrees and remembered afterwards she had supposedly seen an aircraft a minute or so after the UFO had gone.

Whatever the truth of this LITS observation the interview led to the discovery that there is a veritable history of family close encounters which it is a shame could not have been investigated at the time. A chronology of these is here given.

Summer 1965...Probably the most intriguing.PB was with her then boyfriend Philip on the sandy beaches at Southport.They were in his car.It was late and they could see a strange object apparantly on the surface of the sea.It was shaped like a bouy,was yellowish, and wobbled and rotated.But it did not illuminate the surface of the water. PB became frightened and urged her boyfriend to drive them away. However,the car engine would not turn over.After several false attempts he got out and decided to take the airgun he kept in the boot,just in case! But he could not get the boot open! And so he went back and tried again to start the car,once more without success.The night was calm and still but suddenly,so it is claimed, sand began to spray all over the bonnet and windscreen.In great panic now the engine did at last fire and as they drove off the beach they looked back to notice that the object had vanished.

Obviously, nothing can be done about this event at this time, and it is not clear how much memory has distorted what really took place. Amazingly, in a wholly unrelated case, when Peter and I interviewed a witness in 1982, they too mentioned a previously unreported car-stop case from Southport in their past!

About 192... Now married, and living at a different St Helens address, DB was witness to a LITS observation. Parking his car he saw a bright light moving east to west which stopped for about five seconds and then moved off south. He kept a small telescope in the car and through this the object looked diamond shaped.

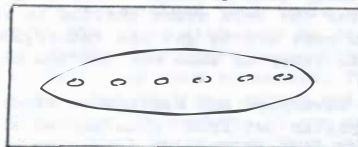
This could, of course, have been an aircraft again, distorted through the lenses.

About 1974... Now in Parr, DB was again witness to a strange event when he saw an object like a revolving fairground ride over large open land by a sewage works. PBs brother lives on a house that overlooks the land and later spontaneously remarked that he had seen something. When comparing notes they became convinced they had both seen the same thing.

July/August 1982... During these months the family saw a spinning, flashing object late at night, which was often viewed for several hours and at times was left whilst still there. It was at times obscured by clouds and at other times "shot off" at speed. It was in the NE. They did consider that it might be a star, as it reappeared night after night, but on July 27th they became convinced it could not be what they saw it for more than two hours as a blue/green top shaped object with a white light on the upper surface and a row of portholes on the underside. It is hard to see how the various quite complex accounts they give of this "object" can be related to what must surely be the truth (that this was nothing more than a bright planet). But it no doubt speaks volumes about the way the family are capable of hyper-imagination. Peter Hough rightly asks how it is faintly tenable that such a display, night after night, should produce no other witnesses in such a built up area, to which one can only speculate that everybody else did see it but knew very well what it was. This leaves the question begging as to why this family should see the same stimulus as spinning-top objects, with portholes, that emit smaller lights and flash across the sky!



August 14 1982... This is actually the most important observation claimed by the family. PB and her husband were up late watching TV when at 1.10 am she saw a bright light through the window, which caused her to rush over to it and cry out.



DB came over and both watched a lozenge shaped object slide into view, in a gap between two rows of houses. When DB saw this he rushed off for his telescope and returned with it in a minute or so. By now the whole cigar shaped object had come into view, spanning the large gap between the rows. DB was witness to the final phase of the sighting as

the object rose at a 45 degree angle, vanishing into the night sky, heading SE. His wife had fled terrified to the back of the room, convinced it was going to "take up" one of the houses opposite, so low had it seemed over the rooftops. DB says he could plainly see a line of portholes on the object.

What makes this sighting so interesting is that the family appear unaware of the other supportive sightings on the late night of August 13/14 1982. Readers are referred back to the detailed report in NUN 100, particularly of the Lydon family from Abram, a town about 10 miles from Parr. Their description is certainly similar. PB and DB are sure of the date because they knew the second (1983) sighting was on the anniversary, the same night one year later.

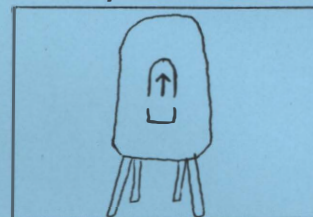
Upon questioning (although with some reluctance) PB admitting to being psychic. Not only does she claim precognition, but has often seen 'spirits'. She says that she sees dead people (who look real) and these prove to be relatives of those she sees them in association with. However, she has consciously blocked her ability (although she thinks she could resurrect it at will). This is since she and her husband became committed Christians in the mid seventies. This same move caused DB to give up his good job with British Aerospace, where he was involved in the building of weapons. PB has never regarded there to be any connection between her abilities and the frequent UFO observations of the family.

TWO EXTRATERRESTRIAL VICARS AND A MOTORBIKE Report by Ron Sargeant, MUFORA

A CE3, involving a landed UFO that is remarkably familiar, and strange alien substances left in its wake. It sounds too good to be true, and maybe it was!

ED, from Cadishead, Greater Manchester, wrote to BUFORA to describe an event he claimed took place on the banks of the Manchester Ship Canal one night in January 1983. Ron Sargeant, who lives in nearby Irlam, took on the investigation. However, after five visits to the man's house he had to give up. On each occasion he was greeted with the tale that ED was out. The man's wife and children (who live in crowded, poor conditions with their parents) were of low social order and standards of behaviour. On each visit Ron wastold that ED would be contacting him. An RI form was left, along with Ron's phone number, all to no avail.

This is the story ED had to tell. A friend from Salford had just delivered a second hand motorbike to him, at around 9pm. ED wanted to try it out immediately but it had no tax. So he pushed it to the canal banks and propped it up on the stand. At this point he decided he needed to go to the toilet and so he went behind some



nearby trees. Two minutes later he emerged from the trees to find two figures stood over the machine. He shouted and swore at them, thinking they were either going to steal it or do it some harm. But then as he got closer (they have merely ignored his shouts) he became rather ashamed because he thought they were vicars. They wore dark gray or black suits with a white collar on top. ED says he froze at this point because he realized they were both absolutely identical in physical appearance. They smiled at him and continued

what they were doing, stroking the seat of the motorbike in perfect time!

At this stage of the sighting ED describes OZ Factor effects, saying that his memory became distorted. The next events must have only taken moments, but seemed to take hours. The men were then walking away from the bike towards an object, on the ground nearby, that ED had not previously noticed.

This was bullet shaped 'craft' about ten feet high and six feet wide. It stood on four girder-like legs which were five or six feet long and a foot wide. But the thing that stuck in his mind was an insignia he claims was plainly in view on the side of the object, coloured bright red. Experienced ufologists will not need telling that this seems more or less identical with the sign allegedly seen by police officer Lonnie Zamora on the side of the landed UFO he saw in New Mexico in April 1964. ED at no point in his account refers to this "S00orro" case.

The OZ factor is prevalent again, as ED says "I never took my eyes off them for a second" but somehow they vanish (he presumes into the craft). The emblem now vanishes in front of his eyes from the side of the craft, which slowly and silently rises until at a height of around 20 feet. It then "in a blink" is gone from view. He waited ten minutes before he went to the bike and pushed it home. Under the light he found part of the leather seat ripped off, the petrol cap missing, and silvery powder all over the seat. He preserved some in a plastic bag (this was sent with his report to BUFORA) and washed the rest off. Soon after he decided to get rid of the bike and try very hard to forget the story. He told nobody about what had happened, but found it played too much on his memory and so decided to write in desperation to BUFORA.

The case has an air of credibility about it, which is evident to any reader of his letter. But Ron's total lack of progress in getting to see him is puzzling. He regards it as suggestive that ED had made the story up and was now scared of being discovered. But perhaps, after the first visit (when he was genuinely out), he was forced to explain to his wife why he had not told her about his 'adventure', and the end result was a decision not to get involved. Either way it is hard to see where to go next.

Ron inspected the area and found tank structures on the ground adjacent to a canal bank distillery that look very like the 'Worcraft' ED describes. There are also a number of chemical factories in the immediate location from whence the powder might have come. This powder was subjected to preliminary chemical analysis, which showed it to be a compound with a magnesium or aluminum base, akin to fingerprint powder or paint pigment. A full costly analysis was not deemed necessary.

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Only one interesting puzzle remains. There have been three reported CE3 cases in Britain during 1983. All independent. Readers will be aware of one at Bloxwich, West Midlands, reported in NUN 104. On this case a man on his own saw a UFO and entities beside a canal. And the other (the only one to feature media publicity - but after both cases reported to us) is described in detail by Omar Fowler in the current FSR. This concerns a single male witness who met the landed UFO and occupants on the banks of a canal. I have already been accused of having an obsession for coincidence but it does seem to me prevalent in ufology, and this CE3/solitary male witness/canal bank synchronicity seems worth a mention.

FINAL WORD...

ASSAP holds its second AGM in Liverpool on January 21 1984. It looks as if it is around to stay. Meanwhile, in the USA Dr Marcello Truzzi, who edits the very super magazine ZETETIC SCHOLAR has launched the CSAR (Center for Scientific Anomalies Research). There are a range of possible contributions to the Center, or you can just subscribe to ZS. If you are a serious, dedicated student of the paranormal and you do not mind scepticism and would love to read 200pp issues featuring debates between the leading scientists and scientific researchers in such fields, then CSAR and Zetetic Scholar ought to be on your mailing list. Details are available from:- Dept of Sociology Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti MI 48197 USA

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